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SUBJECT:TUAL ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

REF: A) SOFIA 0236, B) STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT RE
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS (WIRELESS FILE NO. 39, ITEM EUR-3)

1. MFA (DAMYANOV) HAS ASKED FOR AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED
COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT OF FEB 28 REGARDING MUTUAL
ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. SOME MILD PIQUE
WAS SHOWN AT FACT DEPARTMENT ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENT
WITHOUT ANY PRIOR CONSULTATION AND PRIOR TO REPLYING TO
LATEST GOB COUNTER-PROPOSAL (REF A). AFTER VIEWING
STATEMENT, DAMYANOV TOOK MILD EXCEPTION TO STATEMENT
"THESE RESTRICTIONS WERE INTRODUCED BY US IN RECIPROCITY
FOR RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON US DIPLOMATS IN THOSE
COUNTRIES." HE POINT OUT (CORRECTLY) THAT USG IMPOSED
SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON BULGARIAN DIPLOMATS IN US PRIOR
TO IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON US
DIPLOMATS IN BULGARIA. ADDITIONALLY, DAMYANOV INQUIRED
WHETHER DEPARTMENT COMPLETELY UNDERSTOOD BULGARIAN
POSITION THAT US DIPLOMATS WOULD HAVE TO BE BOUND BY THOSE
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TRAVEPRESTRICIONS WHICH PERTAIN TO ALL FOREIGN DIPLO-
MATS IN BULGARIA, SINCE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT COULD BE
INTERPRETED AS MEANING TOTAL REMOVAL OF ALL RESTRICTIONS
ON TRAVEL ARE CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION. WE REASSURED
DAMYANOV RE THIS LAST POINT.

2. COMMENT: UNSTATED BY DAMYANOV, BUT WE SUSPECT

AT THE BACK OF HIS UNEASINESS, IS IMPLICATION IN SPOKES-
MAN'S REMARKS THAT BULGARIA IS BEING USED TO TEST OUT
A POSITION TO BE TAKEN LATER WITH USSR. THIS MIGHT WELL
HAVE LED THE SVIET EMBASSY HERE TO POINTEDLY QUERY MFA
AS TO WHAT WAS GOING ON.

3. APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT'S
OFFICIAL REACTION TO GOB JAN 14 PROPOSAL. AS STATED
REF A, EMBASSY SEES, IN PRINCIPLE, NO REASON NOT TO PRO-
CED M BASIS SUGGESTED THEREIN.
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